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AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB
AUTUMN MEETING

To be held at
RANDWICK
APRIL 20th, 22nd and 27th, 1946

PRINCIPAL EVENTS

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

The A.J.C. Sires' Produce Stakes, £3,500 added.	Seven Furlongs.
The Autumn Stakes, £1,500 added.	One Mile and a Half.
The Doncaster Handicap, £3,000 added.	One Mile.
The A.J.C. St. Leger, £2,000 added.	One Mile and Three-quarters.

SECOND DAY, MONDAY (Easter Monday) APRIL 22nd

The All-Aged Stakes, £1,500 added.	One Mile.
The Sydney Cup, £5,000 added and a Gold Cup valued at £200.	Two Miles.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 27th

The Adrian Knox Stakes (For Three-Year-old Fillies), £1,500 added.	One Mile and a Quarter.
The Champagne Stakes, £2,000 added.	Six Furlongs.
The A.J.C. Plate, £1,500 added.	One Mile and Three-quarters.

Admission tickets for the Saddling Paddock only may be purchased on the day of the Races at The Hotel Australia.

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ENTRY of so much controversy into sport at this stage must be regarded as a discouraging portent. The post-war stage had been set for a mighty revival, the reward of our patient waiting. This may be denied us unless a better spirit prevail, and sport itself be placed above bargaining and bickering.

We have no preferences here for any particular form of sport, amateur or professional. Each in its way serves a good purpose, properly controlled and directed. But there must be peace in the councils. An ounce of reason is worth a ton of scrapping.

So many persons demand a say. That is not the trouble so much as is a disposition to shout down others not in agreement, to trade in terms that are not always edifying, and to destroy trust—all leading to a cynical observation heard recently that to-day we have too much sport and, relatively, too few sportsmen; otherwise, too little sportsmanship in proportion to the number of "sports," in the personal sense.

Perhaps this is only a phase. Even so, we should seek the reform now, rather than wait for the reckoning.

The Club Man's Diary

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL.

5th Norman McLeod	12th C. L. Fader
6th R. W. Evans	22nd J. W. Brecken-
G. E. Nagel	ridge
8th M. V. Gibson	23rd D. Lotherington
10th K. A. Bennett,	24th H. R. McLeod
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1st V. H. Moodie	16th Dr. L. S.
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Ernest Lashmar	22nd De Renzie Rich
3rd Roy Miller	Mr. Justice
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5th W. M. Jennings	C. R. Tarrant
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A. E. Coulthurst	28th G. Chiene
7th L. P. R. Bean	30th Mr. Justice
G. A. Crawford	Clancy
12th D. S. Davis	A. C. Shaw
14th C. E. Blayney	31st A. B. Abel
15th J. Goldberg	
C. S. Laurie	

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Lord Louis Mountbatten, always a lover of horses, although never an expert horseman, enjoyed his brief visit to Sydney Turf Club's meeting at Canterbury, and said so in terms unmistakably sincere. When he was here previously with his cousin the Prince of Wales (now the Duke of Windsor), Lord Louis took every opportunity to get astride a horse. All sailors are that way, but not all fare as well as Lord Louis fared on that occasion as John Brown's horses were familiar with the Randwick straight, all that the distinguished visitor had to do was hang on.

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It would have been a pity had Lady Louis' "Hot Tip," Cordale, not won. She would have missed perhaps the greatest thrill of her stay in Sydney. Taking into consideration her long list of previous engagements, most of them exacting, she deserved a winner.

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While Bernborough keeps on winning he will remain the public's idol but it would be well for his connections to prepare themselves for the chill that will settle on the course after his first defeat. 'Twas ever thus.

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When the game "begins again," Cardus is faintly hopeful that what he calls "the decadent perfection of the modern Test match" will not have permeated all cricket. He is appalled at the thought of cricket be-

coming Big Business, transferred from the dappled shade of the village green to the blare and glare of the city stadium. (Blame Cardus for this lyricism.) He would sooner write about the dogs than romanticise such a perversion of an historic game. For he is a romantic about cricket. The game was never quite what he makes it out to be; players never such poets (writes Sidney H. Deamer, reviewing in "Sunday Telegraph" "English Cricket" by Neville Cardus).

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His luck was that he wrote for the "Manchester Guardian," which classed cricket among the pastimes, not the sports, and knew how to keep it in its place. When England was in its pre-war Test fever—and we were sitting up at night listening—the countryside was plastered with posters advertising the exclusive, incomparable cricket writers the papers had engaged to cover the Tests. Cardus looked for the Guardian's posters, expecting to see "Cardus on Cricket." He found the poster at Lord's—the focal point of the cricket fever. It read: "Statement by Bulgarian Minister."

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The Australian cricket team did well in N.Z., as they should have done if their chances against England are as rosy as many Australians seem to think. Less sanguine observers were not impressed by the team's showing on a wet wicket, or by the number of chances given by those who made high scores. England will prove a vastly different proposition. We will need our best team, with all players at their best. Wet wickets, and fast bowling remain our weakness.

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Gus. Risman, captain of the English League team now on the way to Australia, is reported by cable to have said that he had experienced barracking on Sydney Cricket Ground and would not mind it. That's very good of Gus, but—why pick on Sydney Cricket Ground crowds any more than on say, North of England crowds? Some

sorry tales might be told of barracking in this country, but not more so than in the North of England, for example. And continental crowds put Australian crowds in the class of "raw amateurs."

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Often players are to be blamed more than spectators. Instances might be recalled in which the crowds have been provoked by players squealing and, again by rough-house tactics. Taken by and large, men who have travelled say that Australians are good sportsmen in the majority; but it is not to be expected that they, any more than people elsewhere, should suffer in silence all the time.

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Greatest attraction at the R.A.S. Easter Show in 1900 was a motor car, designed and manufactured by H. Thomson at Armadale (Vic.), and propelled by steam generated from ordinary kerosene. This was the first motor car built and run in Australia, according to its driver, E. L. Holmes, who is to-day a committeeman of The Veteran Motorists of Australia, of which the non-agenarian Sir Thomas Buckland is patron. Every day a board in the R.A.S. ring displayed a notice: "4 p.m., the Thomson motor car." Mr. Holmes recalls that the ring was cleared for the occasion, and great crowds cheered as the car was driven around the enclosure.

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The car appeared at the show of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria at Melbourne in 1899, when the awe-stricken special correspondent of the "Sydney Mail"—published by the "Sydney Morning Herald"—wrote: "We might think we were living once again in an age of witchcraft." Sydney "Daily Telegraph" recorded on April 25, 1900, a tour of the city by the car "amid the jeers of bus drivers and cabbies."

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I attended, by invitation, the 50th birthday of Centennial Park Cricket Association. This show has never hit the headlines, but it pro-

vides for players and spectators alike the real village green cricket—something that has eluded in recent years the so-called real cricketers. Centennial Park cricket produced J. J. Kelly and Sep. Carter, among others.

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"Puddin'" Coulton, one of a trio of Rugby Union footballers who represented Queensland in the late nineties and the early nineteen-hundreds, is keeping a store near Brisbane, and occasionally displays his honour cap in the window, according to a recent visitor from the North. The other brothers were "Gunga"—who also represented Australia in the forwards—and "Yunker," who played on the left wing. He was for some time after his retirement from football champion professional runner of Queensland. "Gunga" died several years ago.

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"Yunker" Coulton was asked to concede Arthur Postle, Pattsworth (Darling Downs) timber-cutter, half a yard at the latter's first start in a handicap at the Brisbane Exhibition. Postle broke the first start and was penalised half a yard. He beat Coulton by that distance over 100 yards, and caused a sensation. From that day Postle went on to make history.

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I recall an incident in the game played in Brisbane by the 1903 "All Blacks" against Queensland. "Yunker" Coulton dashed off from half-way, swerved past W. J. Wallace, playing at full back, and looked all over a winner. Wallace turned about, chased, and caught Coulton. The crowd gasped. When Wallace returned in 1908 I recalled the incident to him. He had forgotten, but said: "In those days I was rather a fast runner."

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In my memory of football—Union and League—Wallace was the greatest back, and the 1903 "All Blacks" the greatest team.

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In those seasons, forwards played as forwards. "Shiners" were given short shrift. Australia won Test matches. Nowadays, the

tendency is to sacrifice too much for "brightness," in one code, at least.

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Hugh Moriarty, secretary of the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association, named Jim Miller (18), student at Brisbane Church of England Grammar School, and about to enter Queensland University to study medicine, as being, with Sydney's John Treloar, the best Olympic Games prospect among the juniors. At the recent Queensland championships, Miller won the broad jump and the "440." In the broad jump he shattered G.P.S. and State records. Miller's best broad jump is 24ft. At 14 he won the broad jump in the under 16 class as well as the open at a G.P.S. sports meeting.

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The greatness of the British race lies in its moral qualities. Only unmoral races think otherwise; but these are always humbled when they seek to overthrow the British. In the darkest hours of the war the King and the Prime Minister prefaced their expression of faith in ultimate victory: "With God's help." And so it came to pass.

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Those thoughts possessed me as I looked over an American magazine featuring pictures of the tragic trek of German women and children across the frozen wastes from Poland to the British and American Zones of occupation, feeling that they would find sanctuary there. There were three pictures in particular that wrung my heart. The first showed a German mother carrying her babe within sight of the Promised Land; the second, her hugging the child; the third, the woman weeping over the body of the child in the snow; a victim of Hitler's holocaust. Some cry "vengeance"; but this is alien to the hearts of the British, although their own mothers and babes were slaughtered. It takes a great people to preserve this state of mind; but the British are a great people.

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I met a man the other day down on his luck, but not downcast. Life, he told me, was a succession of ups and downs for most people. Mis-

fortune, trouble, sorrow were only phases. A man should set his mind as well as fortify his heart against them, and should not allow adversity to undermine his moral strength. So this fellow passed on, facing the dawn.

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A Sydney daily newspaper announced that Bernborough had met Flight for the first time on the training track recently. Their impressions of one another were not recorded, but there was a whisper of Flight having said something about "that bounder", whereupon Bernborough retorted: "You fast thing!"

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Jim Donald's view, as written in the "Daily Mirror": "Old-time and present-day fight fans wrangle as to whether Patrick's fistic rating is comparable with that of the great lightweights of the past. Personally, I would name him a class fighter in any company and one of the strongest, toughest and most destructive Australian pugilists since the days of Darcy."

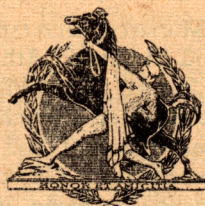
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Compton, the English cricketer, will not be visiting Australia with the English team because he is bound by a Soccer contract. Compton is a wise man to study his personal interests as a professional. Athletic life is not long. Players are dropped without beg pardons once they pass their prime. Compton's decision won't be Australia's gain as he was a bright player, and we can't have too many of them on either side.

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John Bull published Grand National records as follow:—Record time, nine minutes 20 seconds for the 4½ mile course, with 30 obstacles fences and water-jumps, made by Golden Miller, in 1934. Jerry, who won in 1840, took exactly one minute longer. The record field was in 1929 when 66 horses ran and Gregalach won. Voluntary, winner in 1884, had not been over any kind of fence before. George Stevens rode in 15 Grand Nationals without falling once. Tom Oliver fell three

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TATTERSALL'S CLUB

157 ELIZABETH STREET,
SYDNEY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting of the Members** will be held in the Club Room on **Wednesday, 8th May, 1946, at 8 o'clock p.m.**

BUSINESS :

- (a) **To confirm Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held on the 9th May, 1945, and Special General Meeting of Members held on the 18th March, 1946.**
- (b) **To adopt the Annual Report, Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements for the year ended 28th February, 1946.**
- (c) **To elect a Chairman.**
Mr. W. W. Hill retires in accordance with the Rules, but does not offer himself for re-election.
- (d) **To elect a Treasurer.**
Mr. S. E. Chatterton retires in accordance with the Rules, but does not offer himself for re-election, as he has intimated that he will be a candidate for the vacancy in the office of Chairman.
- (e) **To elect Four Members to serve on the Committee for Two Years.**
Messrs. G. Chiene, A. J. Matthews, G. J. C. Moore and J. A. Roles are the retiring Members of the Committee, all of whom are eligible for re-election and offer themselves accordingly.
- (f) **To elect an Auditor or Auditors.**
Messrs. Horley & Horley and Starkey & Starkey retire, and offer themselves for re-election.
- (g) **To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Club.**

N.B.—Nominations for the office of Chairman, Treasurer, or Member of Committee, signed by two Members, and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, will be received by the Secretary up to 5 p.m. on 16th April, 1946.

Nominations for Auditors must be lodged not later than 12 noon, 29th April, 1946.

25th March, 1946.

T. T. MANNING,
Secretary.

Yearling Luck and Lottery

Big Catalogue this Year

Well over 500 yearlings will be submitted at auction by Messrs. William Inglis and Son Pty. at the Easter Sales, not a record but on the way back to the best times.

Most interesting feature of the catalogue again, is the large number of breeders.

Since the outbreak of war interest in thoroughbred breeding has increased enormously and while the big studs continue to send in their full quota the majority of the enthusiasts have one or two yearling colts or fillies for sale.

As usual the sales extend over three days and fill in between racing at Randwick on Easter Monday and on Saturday.

In general there are few new sires but some very attractively-bred youngsters. Some close relations to high-grade gallopers are included, and buyers will have a wide range of class and type.

Eighty three sires are represented in this catalogue, a feature being the growing percentage of locally-bred horses.

As in recent years the Australian-bred sire has been holding his own the success of the sale of this class of stock is assured.

Yearling sales this year in New Zealand and in Victoria have shown a maintenance of the high range of prices. From indications this state of affairs will persist in Sydney.

Bloodstock sales overseas have been on the same high standard.

For those who intend to drop into the yearling lottery there is always the lure of the bargain. Gloaming and Flight were the most notable instances of cheap lots of recent years and both have made turf history.

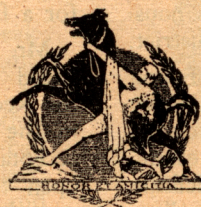
Already visitors to the boxes housing the yearlings have been plentiful and discussions keen. There is no more prolific subject of conversation where Australians foregather.

Differences will be only half-settled when the auctioneer's hammer drops on Lots 1 to 544 in the three days following Easter Monday. The arguments will be re-opened

when the horses begin to appear on the racecourse a few months later.

And they will continue on until the same horses disappear from the racing scene.

Even in the days of retrospect, the racehorse who was a yearling and has been retired after years of honourable mention—or otherwise—still is a subject for good conversation.



TATTERSALL'S CLUB

157 Elizabeth Street,
Sydney.

25th March, 1946.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 8th May, 1946, at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Members, for the purpose of electing a member to fill the casual vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. John Hickey.

Mr. Hickey has intimated that he will be a candidate for the vacancy in the office of Treasurer.

Nominations to the vacant office, signed by two members, and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, will be received by the Secretary up to 5 p.m. on 16th April, 1946.

By Order of the Committee,

T. T. MANNING,

Secretary.

HOUSES OR HORSES

A Question in England

Officials of the Pony Turf Club in England have their own particular headaches with municipal bodies impinging on Northolt Park with a housing plan.

Those interested in the Pony Turf Club however do not intend to relinquish Northolt Park Racecourse to the Ealing Council for the purpose of a housing estate until every avenue has been explored to devise a means to perpetuate racing on this centrally situated and most up-to-date course, and provide housing for the homeless in the district.

Briefly, the facts are these. Ealing Council has applied to the Ministry of Health for permission to acquire the racecourse as a housing estate. They propose, though no definite plans are yet in existence, to allow the stands to remain, and to devote 30 acres in front to recreational purposes. Around this central oasis they would build approximately

1,680 houses, out of a total of 7,000 said to be required by the inhabitants of the borough.

Pony-racing interests have put forward an alternative scheme. This provides for the release of 2,500 feet of the course fronting the Harrow-Ealing road to a depth of 120 feet on which 400 flats could be built to accommodate 1,400 people, and 25 acres on the north-west side of the course on which 300 houses could be erected, giving accommodation for a further 950 people.

Mr. Neal Christey, who is prepared to buy the racecourse from the Receiver for £240,000, proposes, in the event of the scheme being acceptable, to throw Northolt Park open to the public on other than race days, and provide a swimming pool, bowling greens, tennis courts, football and cricket grounds, and the use of the stand as a recreative and social centre.

TAKING A STROLL

For those who like this sort of thing, a 24-hour walk is to be revived in England.

Distance runners and walkers are to be well catered for this year, which will mark a return to the pre-war popularity of track athletics.

Metropolitan Walking Club is staging a 24 hours' walking race at the White City track, commencing at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 14, and finishing the following day. In addition to being an open race at 24 hours, opportunities will be provided for attempts on record at ten miles and upwards.

A special prize will be given to the first man breaking a record at the meeting, while the club's standard awards will be given for 100 miles in 20 hours or 120 in 24 hours.

All completing 100 miles or more in the 24 hours automatically become members of the famous Centurions.

The late Tommy Hammond held the 24 hours' record with 131 miles 580 yards.



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BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

Amateur Body is Again Brought Into Being . . . Some More Positional Shots Explained . . . Now We Know How Billiards Got Its Name.

Most pleasing feature in the local billiards world during April was the resuscitation of the N.S.W. Amateur Billiards Association after six war years recess.

The organisation is all-important to the conduct and control of billiards and snooker in New South Wales and at least two of our members, Messrs. W. Longworth and Percy Smith have had much to do with the smooth workings in the past.

As president, Mr. Longworth has, through the years, rendered yeoman service and his insistence on standing down at election time is the sole reason why he does not still occupy the position in the new set-up.

Percy Smith, has, like Mr. Longworth, placed billiards before all other sport round about championship time and the pair were mainly responsible for the move to bring the association back into being.

The new body is exceptionally strong numerically and, better still, composed of real enthusiasts. Some big moves can be expected ere many moons have passed.

Some Positional Shots

In the diagram reproduced to-day three of world champion Walter Lindrum's positional shots are shown.

Members who desire to improve their billiards can learn much by careful study.

Each shot depicted should be well within the compass of any player capable of a 25-break.

The first shows a slow "draw" shot for a cannon when both object balls are snuggled up near a side cushion.

Students will note how the champion forces the first contact-ball on to three cushions to return and give him ideal position for the next stroke.

Actually he has started break-building at the first visit to the table—and it should always be so.

The second shot depicts another "draw" which causes the cue-ball to swing back to the second object-ball while the red careers up and down the table to bring all balls to rest in close proximity for continuing.

The third stroke is of similar type but here both side and top cushions are used to gain the objective.

It would be useless to be too technical here but, in all the shots depicted the cue-ball is struck below centre and the correct contact should be gauged correctly after one or two tries.

Champion Never Varies Style

As might be expected the champion has had hundreds (probably thousands) of pupils during his career but his methods never vary. Many are as shown in this issue.

Unless the first shot played is intelligent, he says, future success for the cueist is hopeless.

It is suggested that key shots such as those described should be tried out in practice and not necessarily during a game. If this course is



Mr. Percy Smith.

adopted the striker will know exactly what to do should occasion arise in a match.

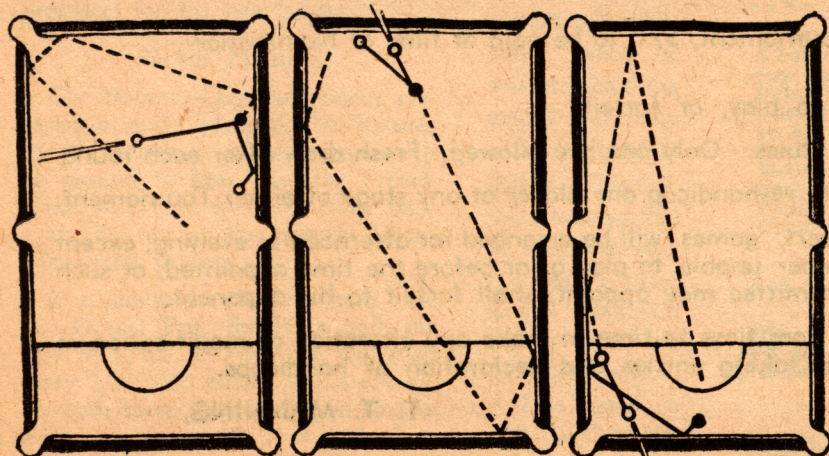
Practice first, play afterwards, is the Lindrum motto and none will argue against the wisdom.

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ODD BIT.

This was recently issued by the world governing body, the Billiards and Control Council of England:—"Master William Kew did make one board whereby a game is played with three balls, and all the young men recreated thereat, chiefly the young clergy of St. Pawle's, hence one of ye strokes was named a cannon, having been by one of ye clergy-men invented. The game is known of Billyard, because William or Bill Kew did first play with his yard measure. The stick is called "Cue" or "Kew." William Kew was a pawnbroker in London about the middle of the 16th century who, during wet weather, was in the habit of taking down the three balls from his shop front and pushing them, billiard fashion, with his yard stick."

That should settle a few arguments.



TATTERSALL'S CLUB

SYDNEY

VICTORY BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

250 Up

FIRST PRIZE	..	..	..	Trophy valued £50
SECOND PRIZE	..	..	..	Trophy valued £20
THIRD PRIZE	..	..	..	Trophy valued £10
FOURTH PRIZE	..	..	..	Trophy valued £10

VICTORY SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

All Heats to be decided on One Game only.
Semi-Finals and Finals best Two out of Three Games.

FIRST PRIZE	..	..	..	Trophy valued £50
SECOND PRIZE	..	..	..	Trophy valued £20
THIRD PRIZE	..	..	..	Trophy valued £10
FOURTH PRIZE	..	..	..	Trophy valued £10

The above Tournaments will commence on

MONDAY, 3rd JUNE, 1946

and will be played in the Billiard Room on the Standard Table. Semi-Finals and Finals will be played in the Club Room on the same table.

Entries close at 4 p.m. on Monday, 6th May, 1946.

Handicaps, 20th May; Draw, 27th May.

Entrance Fee for each Tournament, 5/-, to be paid at time of Nomination.

Three days' notice will be given to play, or forfeit.

To be played under latest Revised Rules. Only one bye allowed. Fresh draw after each round.

The Committee reserve the right to re-handicap any player at any stage of either Tournament.

To suit the convenience of members, games will be arranged for afternoon or evening, except Semi-Finals and Finals. Any member unable to play at or before the time appointed, or such other time as the Billiards Sub-Committee may appoint, shall forfeit to his opponent.

The Committee reserve the power from time to time to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the time for taking entries and declaration of handicaps.

T. T. MANNING,
Secretary.

BIG PRIZES

France Follows U.S.A. Lead

Following the reports from the various United States centres that principal events in the American Calendar are to carry greatly increased stakes, comes the news that the Societe d'Encouragement is increasing the value of the big events in France.

Although the tendency for stake values to increase is world-wide, the advances in the States and France are primarily the result of different circumstances.

Values in America have rocketed because of the amazing business done with the Pari-Mutuel, which has broken record after record. The Belmont Stakes now carries £25,000.

New York State Racing Commission are anticipating their richest season of all, and announce a 189-day schedule for 1946. The season begins on April 6 and will close on October 15.

Although the curtailed 1945 season only ran 154 days, New York tracks broke practically every State record and many world records for Pari-Mutuel betting.

A total of 4,623,123 racegoers poured £112,665,800 through the tote windows.

It is rather a different story from France, where the depreciation of the franc has necessitated an increase in values, but the authorities over there are quite happy about the prospects for the new season.

French Fixtures.

The Societe d'Encouragement met recently and arranged the fixtures for the season. All sportsmen will be pleased to hear that the French Oaks and French Derby will once again be run at the historic Chantilly course in June.

It is almost startling to learn that the Grand Prix de Paris and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe will each carry 2,000,000 francs added money. As both these races are open to any horse in any country it is plain that, whatever may be the sterling equi-

valent of the franc next June and October, both will be very valuable prizes to win.

The amounts to be allocated are: Longchamp (29 days), 56,860,000 francs; Chantilly (10 days), 15,458,000 francs; Deauville (14 days), 14,312,500 francs. Further, it has been decreed that from May 26 there shall be a seventh race at all meetings except on the days of the races for the Oaks, Derby, Grand Prix de Paris and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

BIG FIGURES

Thomas Dewey, Governor of New York State, in his annual message to the Legislature recently predicted that the State's share of tax from pari-mutuel betting on New York tracks this year will total 8,400,000 dollars.

Under the provision of the law, 10 per cent. of pari-mutuel takings is withheld. Forty per cent. of this amount goes to the racecourse and 60 per cent. to the State. This method of taxing was introduced in 1940, when it was predicted tax would eventually yield 2,500,000 dollars. This estimate was scoffed at, but last year the State's share was 8,000,000 dollars from the 134 days' season.

This year a 189 days' season is scheduled.

SHIPPING SPACE FOR BLOODSTOCK

Thoroughbred horses are being shipped from England to U.S.A., India, Australia, and New Zealand, and in reverse a shipment is due in England from America.

This activity, after comparative quiet for from five to seven years, is bucking up all concerned in the breeding of the thoroughbred.

Mr. W. J. Smith, of St. Albans Stud, is the most prolific importer in these parts with five fillies, all for breeding purposes.

They are Sunningdale, by Solario; His Lass, by His Highness; and three unnamed fillies, two by Wyndham, and one by Fairhaven.

Horses have left England in small lots during the war years, but from the Western ports only.

A large consignment recently left London for New York, the first from London, in five years.

No horses left U.S.A. for England in seven years.

STOPS BAD COUGH

.... ONE DOSE

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With the other foreign correspondents I was invited to the diplomatic reception given at Abdin Palace by King Farouk on the first night of the Arabian King's visit. The invitations said, "Uniforme et decorations." For civilians that meant evening clothes, so I ransacked the closets of my friends, but could turn up nothing more elegant than a

tuxedo. Not knowing how strict the rules of the palace might be, I decided to try it.

I got into the front door.

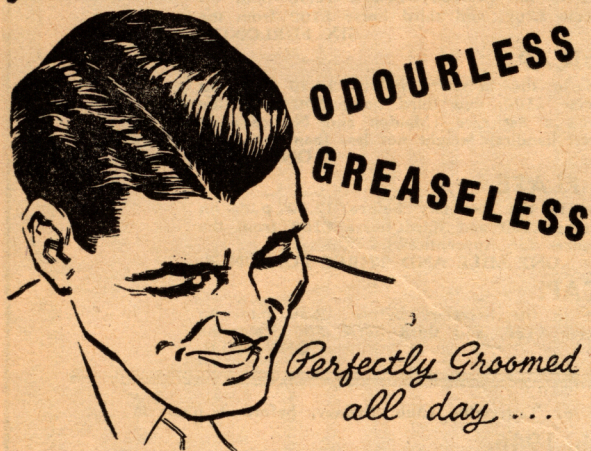
There, under the eyes of the immensely tall and smart household guards, I inauspiciously inaugurated my first social visit to a royal palace by slipping on the gleaming marble floor. I kept my balance—though I wouldn't swear that I also kept my composure—deposited my topcoat in the cloakroom and started for the stairs.

As I feared, I was stopped by the first court official whom I met. He informed me, with great courtesy, that "smoking" was forbidden. At first I thought that I must have been absent-mindedly carrying a cigarette in my hand, and I recalled King Ibn Saud's strict Moslem beliefs about the evils of tobacco.

Then I realised that "smoking" was the local term for "tuxedo."

The nice court official kindly asked me if I did not possess a "frack"—full evening dress. He seemed so sad when I informed him regretfully that I did not. He probably would have wept if I had told him that even the unsuitable suit I was wearing was a borrowed one and that my own evening clothes were in a trunk already two long months overdue from New York.

We bowed and smiled regretfully at each other, and I departed as I had come, skidding across the marble floor. I will always remember that floor, as if in a nightmare. It is all I saw of the inside of Abdin Palace, except for a few dozen yards of rich carpet and a bevy of gentlemen of the diplomatic corps appropriately clad in acres and acres of white shirt front and "fracks."—Clifton Daniel.

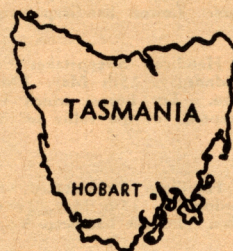


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MAY RACE MEETING

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SATURDAY, MAY 18th, 1946

Entries for the following races will be received subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.

NOVICE HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th May, 1946; with £500 added. Second horse £100, and third horse £50 from the prize. For horses which have never, at time of starting, won a flat race (Maiden races excepted) of the value to the winner of more than £50. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. SEVEN FURLONGS.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP.

(For Two-Year-Old Colts and Geldings at time of starting.)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th May, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. SEVEN FURLONGS.

JUVENILE STAKES.

(For Two-Year-Old Fillies at time of starting.)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th May, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. SIX FURLONGS.

FLYING HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £10 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th May, 1946; with £1,000 added. Second horse £200, and third horse £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. SIX FURLONGS.

ENCOURAGE HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th May, 1946; with £500 added. Second horse £100, and third horse £50 from the prize. For horses which have never, at time of starting, won a flat race (Maiden and Novice races excepted) of the value to the winner of more than £75. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. ONE MILE.

THE JAMES BARNES PLATE.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £12 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th May, 1946; with £1,200 added. Second horse £200 and third horse £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. (No allowances for Apprentices.) ONE MILE AND THREE FURLONGS.

WELTER HANDICAP.

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £6 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th May, 1946; with £600 added. Second horse £120, and third horse £60 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. 7lb. ONE MILE.

ENTRIES for the above races are to be made with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, before 3 p.m. on

MONDAY, APRIL 29th, 1946.

WEIGHTS will be declared at 10 a.m. on MONDAY, 13th MAY, 1946.

PENALTIES.—In all flat races a penalty on the following scale shall be carried by the winner of a handicap flat race after the declaration of weights, viz.: When the value of the prize to the winner is £50 or under, 3lb.; over £50 and not more than £100, 5lb.; over £100, 7lb.

ACCEPTANCES for all races are due before 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th May, 1946, with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, only.

In the case of horses engaged in more than one race on the same day, when such races are affected by the condition of elimination a horse if an acceptor for more than one race shall be permitted to start in one race only. The qualification to start to be determined in the order of the races on the advertised programme. No race will be divided.

The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject, after acceptance time, all or any of the entries of the lower weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would be run in such a race without a division.

The forfeits paid for horses rejected to be refunded as provided in A.J.C. Rule 50 of Racing.

The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the sequence of the races and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting, and in the event of the Outer Course being used, races will be run at "About" the distances advertised.

The Committee also reserves to itself the right in connection with any of the above Races, should the conditions existing warrant it, to reduce the amounts of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the necessity arise.

T. T. MANNING,
Secretary.

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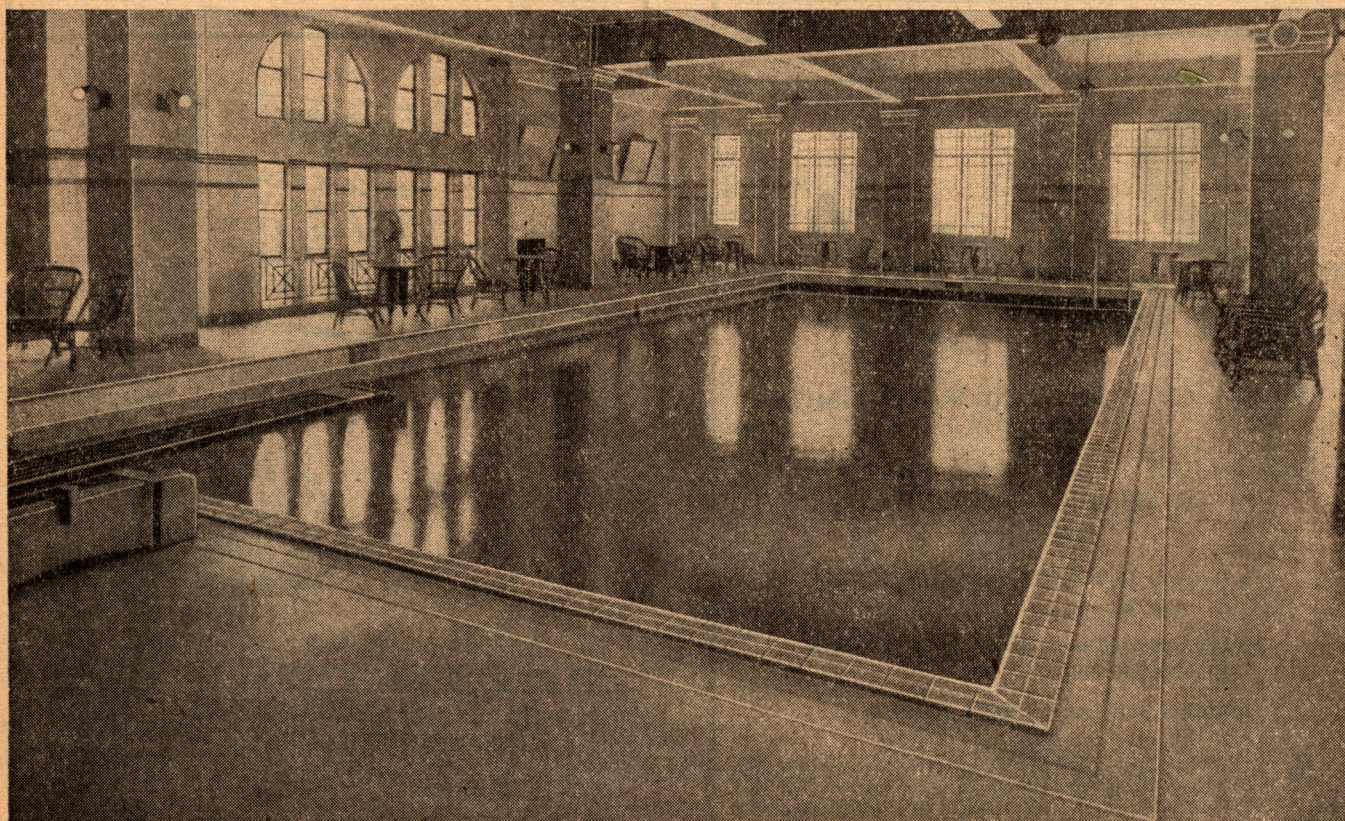
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The Club Man's Diary

(Continued from Page 3.)

times in 19 rides. Harry Brown, riding The Bore in 1921, was tossed at the last fence, remounted and finished second despite a broken collarbone.

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C. H. ("Bob") Richardson, of Royal Hobart Golf Club, scored his 12th hole-in-one recently (Sydney "Daily Telegraph" reported). Richardson now ranks fifth in the world for holes-in-one. World's record of 19 "aces" was established by Scottish professional Alex "Sandy" Herd. Richardson scored his 12th hole-in-one on Royal Hobart links at Rosny at the 156-yard 13th hole. He used his favourite No. 4 wood, which he calls "Mistress Gubbins." Richardson has scored nine of his "aces" on Rosny course and three elsewhere. He was formerly a leading amateur and once a rival of Len Nettlefold in inter-club games and in the State championship. These days, however, he is content to play in friendly four-balls. Richardson almost invariably uses a wooden club at short holes, playing his shots with pronounced "fade" to the right, which, clubmates say, has much to do with his uncanny knack of holing out from the tee.

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The Australians mentioned as having played for two countries in Test cricket all repped before playing for England. W. E. Midwinter was in the first Australian XI at Melbourne in 1876-77; then he played for England in Australia in 1881-82 and for Australia v. England in Australia in 1882-83 and in England in 1884. Jack Ferris was in the Australian XI's v. England in 1886-87, 1888 and 1890; then for England v. S'Africa in 1892. Billy Murdoch played for Australia v. England in 1876-1877, 1878-79, 1880, 1881-82, 1882, 1882-83, 1884, 1884-85 and 1890; and for England v. S'Africa in 1892. Albert Trott donned pads for Australia in 1894-95 v. England, and for England v. S'Africa in 1899. Sammy Woods (in residence at Cambridge Uni.) played for Australia in England in 1888, and for England v. S'Africa in 1896. All did a good job for both countries. —"The Bulletin."

A NELSON MEMORY.

"Tortuous are the workings of destiny," writes "Lighterman" in "Lloyd's List," "for damage done to 'A' shed on the East Quay, London Docks, damage done by almost the most scientific weapons yet devised, revealed relics of the past hidden for a century or more. On two of the stout oak supporting pillars which defied the blast now appears a series of inscriptions obviously done with a scribing iron, the ancient tool which has been in use for time immemorial to mark barrels and cases. Most of the inscriptions are merely names flanked by the year '1806'. But one idle 'doodler,' more enterprising than his fellows, recorded: 'Lord Nelson Dyed in Victory, October 21st, 1805'."

The London Docks were being built during the period of the dates inscribed, and indicate the intensity of feeling throughout the population to which the immortal naval action of nearly a century and a half ago, and the passing of the national hero in the hour of victory gave rise.

WHIRLAWAY'S RECORD THREATENED

Whirlaway, the champion money-winning racehorse of all time, is in danger of losing his record by the recent increases in the stake values of prominent American races.

He won 32 of his 60 races for his owner-breeder, Mr. Warren Wright, but with five of the largest stake events—the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, the Belmont Stakes, the Santa Anita Derby and the Santa Anita Handicap—now worth £25,000, it is likely that some crack racer may top Whirlaway's record by winning fewer events.

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COURT MARTIAL STAYS IN ENGLAND

Court Martial, one of the best three-year-olds in England last season, now is at Mr. H. J. Joel's Childwickbury Stud, instead of being sent to America.

Interviewed, Mr. Joel said: "I needed a stallion for my stud at Childwickbury, and I believe that I have secured a very useful horse in Court Martial. I am delighted that I have been able to buy him, as he will stay in this country. I hate to hear of good horses being sold for export, and think Court Martial will do well at stud.

"Court Martial will not be syndicated," said Mr. Joel, who added that he did not wish to disclose the price paid for Court Martial, which "was fair and satisfactory to both sides."

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BACK TALK

Not least of the many inconveniences borne by the British public during the war have been the severe restriction of transport service and the refusal on the part of some omnibus drivers to recognise "request" stops. So when the Transport Board in London recently instituted a set of "Help the Driver and Conductor" slogans, one of them read as follows:—

Face the driver,
Raise your hand,
You'll find that he will understand.

It was hardly surprising to find pencilled underneath one of these rhymes the following retort:

Yes, he'll understand, the cuss,
But will he stop the ruddy bus?

And from Sydney we might add: "You're telling us!"

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RACING FIXTURES

1946

APRIL.

Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 6th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 13th
A.J.C. Saturday, 20th
A.J.C. Monday, 22nd (Easter Monday)
A.J.C. Saturday, 27th

MAY.

City Tattersalls	Saturday, 4th
Sydney Turf Club	Saturday, 11th
Tattersall's	Saturday, 18th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Saturday, 25th

JUNE.

Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 1st
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 8th
A.J.C. Saturday, 15th
A.J.C. Monday, 17th (King's Birthday)
Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 22nd
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 29th

JULY.

A.J.C.	Saturday, 6th
Sydney Turf Club	Saturday, 13th
Sydney Turf Club	Saturday, 20th
Sydney Turf Club	Saturday, 27th

AUGUST.

Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 3rd
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Monday, 5th
(Bank Holiday)

AUGUST—Continued.

Sydney Turf Club	.....	Saturday, 10th
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Saturday, 17th
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Saturday, 24th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	.....	Saturday, 31st

SEPTEMBER.

Sydney Turf Club	Saturday, 7th
Tattersall's	Saturday, 14th
Sydney Turf Club	Saturday, 21st
Hawkesbury Race Club	Saturday, 28th

OCTOBER.

A.J.C.	.....	Saturday, 5th
A.J.C.	.....	Monday, 7th (Six-Hour Day)
A.J.C.	.....	Saturday, 12th
City Tattersall's	.....	Saturday, 19th
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Saturday, 26th

NOVEMBER.

Sydney Turf Club	Saturday, 2nd
Sydney Turf Club	Saturday, 9th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Saturday, 16th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Saturday 23rd
Sydney Turf Club	Saturday, 30th

DECEMBER.

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Saturday, 7th
 Sydney Turf Club Saturday, 14th
 A.J.C. Saturday, 21st
 A.J.C. Thursday, 26th (Boxing Day)
Tattersall's Saturday, 28th

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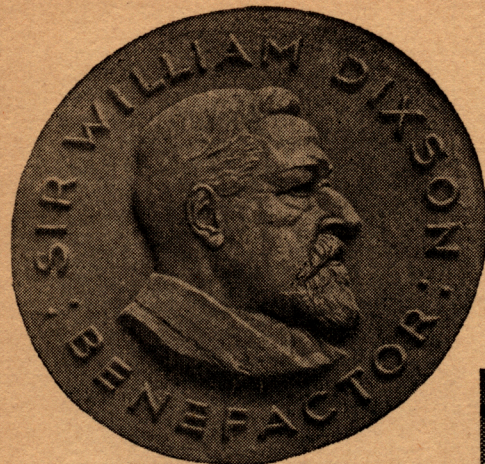
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There is a story told of Ramsay McDonald, originally the first Labour Prime Minister of England. Mr. McDonald, a polished man of great learning, was present at an informal gathering with a number of prominent conservatives, when one man, greatly impressed with the Prime Minister's erudition, asked what University he had attended, and received the answer:—"Cassell's Popular Educator".

On rising ground where the driveway sweeps from Macquarie Street towards the Domain stands the Public Library of New South Wales where day and night a steady stream of all who seek knowledge come and go.

Keats has said, "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever" . . . and in our Sydney Public Library it could even be said that those who planned and those who built kept these words ever before them for there is pure beauty in this classic-columned building looking out upon the glory and colour of the Botanic Gardens with the blue waters of the Harbour beyond.

We are justly proud of our Public Library which, like most of our leading public institutions, has risen step by step from comparative obscurity to present-day greatness.

The Public Library's past is fraught with history; it started in the year 1821 when Mr. Justice Field, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Goulburn and Lieut. de la Condamine with other gentlemen met informally to discuss the suggestion that a catalogue of books contained in small personal private collections in the colony be made so that, by a system of lending to each other, the more enlightened citizens might share in this stored wisdom.

The suggestion became an actual fact and a catalogue was compiled; this, although not a library, but merely a means through which men were able to pass books one to the other, was nevertheless the first step towards a library in Sydney.

Then in 1826 ten gentlemen met in a Sydney hotel and formed the Australian Subscription Library and Reading Room to which those considered eligible were to be admitted to membership on payment of an entrance fee of five guineas with a further annual subscription of two guineas.

A month later the first order for books was sent to England and another 500 were lent by members so that in December, 1827, the Library opened in Terry's Buildings in Pitt Street. The premises were shared with the Sydney Dispensary. Also the services of an officer who was both Dispenser and Librarian were arranged at a salary of £40 per year.

As a progressive gesture to the members whose taste ran to "light" literature, the Committee were authorised to include any novels which had been reviewed and approved by the writers of the Edinburgh and Quarterly Reviews!

It was realised from its inception that the Subscription Library might form the nucleus for a Public Library and so in 1831 the Institution received grants of land at Hyde Park and at Rushcutters Bay.

However, the Library in its early stages lacked the necessary financial support and removed to the old Post Office in George Street where it functioned for some five years; it then transferred to a house in Bridge Street, on the site of the present Lands Department building.

The question of establishing a Public Library then came under the consideration of the Legislative Council, who placed on the estimates a sum of £4,000 for the erection of a Public Library and Museum.

Opposition to this proposition came from certain members of the Subscription Library who still regarded such amenities to be the monopoly of the privileged classes.



Because of this enforced delay the Subscription Library moved yet again—this time into the old St. James' Parsonage and later still to a house in Macquarie Street.

And then that eminent non-conformist leader and democrat, Dr. Lang, led an attack on the exclusive nature of the Subscription Library which he stated was forcing it to financial loss and retarding its use. Unfortunately, Dr. Lang was unsuccessful in his endeavours for reform but the characteristic of which he complained was ultimately responsible for the decline of the Society.

In 1853, the Library became the Australian Library and Literary Institution—a proprietary corporation on a widened basis of membership. Still financial difficulties increased and in 1859 negotiations were begun with the Government for its purchase outright.

During the following ten years various schemes were tried, all to meet with failure, so that in 1869 an attempt was made to sell the building by auction but no bid eventuated.

Fortunately, the Government in the same year purchased the Library, books and building and these with the collection of Australiana left by Mr. Justice Wise, formed the Free Public Library, with Robert Cooper Walker as first librarian.

In 1877, a lending branch of the Public Library was established; this in 1909 was taken over by the City Council and became the Sydney Municipal Library.

In 1883, that great and useful work—the Country Circulation Department—first began operations and has continued over the years to give a wonderful service to country readers.

For many years the Public Library, on the corner of Bent and Macquarie Streets, was a well-known and much frequented spot. Men of vision, however, foresaw the necessity for what they termed the "National Library" and a project was nourished which would house under the one roof the Mitchell Wing and the N.S.W. Public Library.

Nevertheless, although the Mitchell Wing reached completion in 1910 and the Dixon Wing in 1928, still there was no building for the Public Library until, by the provision of an Act of Parliament passed in 1934, the magnificent new building was completed just before Easter 1939.

Much thought and care have been given to the construction and design of this Public Library of ours in which the Reading Room is colossal in size—equal, if not superior, to the best of its kind in the world—equipped with central heating, air-conditioning and natural lighting.

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The Mitchell Wing, well-known to students and readers, although under the same roof as the Public Library must, by the terms of the bequest of David Scott Mitchell, remain a separate entity.

And, as the name of David Scott Mitchell is ever linked with that of the Mitchell Library, so will the name of Sir William Dixon ever be associated with that of the Public Library, for both these men have contributed magnificently to the fulfilment of an ideal—the Public Library of New South Wales.

To all who helped to fashion first the old Public Library which over a period of 70 years and more truly merited the name of "every man's university," and later the noble institution which so gloriously decorates the rise above the Botanic Gardens, tribute has been earned and is gratefully given.

Those men and women have given a living meaning to the words of Thomas Carlyle . . . "In books lies the soul of the whole past time: the articulate audible voice of the past when the body and material substance of it has altogether vanished like a dream."

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